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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 29, 2003

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 29, 2003, please amend the referenced patent application as follows:

<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>

Please cancel claims 1-7 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 38 as follows:

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38. (Amended) A bearing assembly made by the method of claim 41.